police personnel is threatening the survival of endangered species in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Govemment propose to amend the Forest Laws to make it more stringent and ensure that the poachers do not succeed in circumventing the law to get themselves bailed out easily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) No case of collusion of officials with poachers has been reported.

(c)Yes, Sir. Action in this regardhas already been taken in hand.

**Techno-feasibility studies on fishing landing sites in Gujarat**

*15. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Govemment to update the techno-feasibility studies done on potential landing sites for fishing on the Coast of Gujarat;

(b) the details thereof and when was the study done in the past;

(c) the names of potential fish landing centres studied in Gujarat; and

(d) the details of economic potential of each such site?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (d) The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF), Bangalore had initially conducted studies during 1978-81 for identification of suitable sites for preparation of Master Plan for the development of fishing harbours and fish landing centres on the Indian Coast, including the coast of Gujarat. In August, 1996 the CICEF in collaboration with the State Govemment of Gujarat, have again carried out pre-investment studies on probable fishing harbours and landing sites and short listed the following sites for carrying out detailed techno-economic studies including model studies, whereever necessary. As per pre-investment studies, the data on economic potential of the proposed fishing harbours and fish landing centres is summarised as follows:—

| | Sites proposed for inclusion in the Master Plan | District | Number of vessels in operation | Annual landings (1994-95) (tonnes) | Value of landings (Rupees in lakhs) | Fisher-men Popula-tion | Active Fisher-men | Fishing Villages Covered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I. | Fishery Harbours | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Rupen | Jamnagar | 1031 | 15700 | 1848.83 | 10000 | 7000 | N.A. |
| 2. | Mangrol Bara | Junagadh | 234 | 1631 | 192.07 | 1631 | 495 | 1 |
| 3. | Dholai | Valsad | 1500 | 5996 | 706.09 | 11996 | 4265 | 7 |
| 4. | Umbergaon | Valsad | 1000 | 10980 | 1293.00 | 18682 | 7441 | 9 |
| II. | Fish Landing Centres | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Madhavpur | Junagadh | 450 | 1909 | 224.80 | 1792 | 595 | 1 |
| 2. | Sutrapada | Junagadh | 287 | 1553 | 182.88 | 2094 | 497 | 1 |
| 3. | Dhamlej | Junagadh | 450 | 1627 | 191.60 | 2028 | 643 | 1 |

**Stoppage of certain trains at Katpadi Railway Station**

*16. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to have stoppage of Chennai-Coimbatore Cheran Express and Chennai-Coimbatore Shatabdi Express, at Katpadi Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): 6674 Coimbatore-Chennai Cheran Express already stops at Katpadi. There is no proposal to provide stoppage of 2023/2024 Chennai-Coimbatore Shatabdi Express and 6673 Chennai-Coimbatore Cheran Express at Katpadi at present.